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Don't Encourage Lahunan Tricks.

Let the boy fish, boat, canoe, swim and tramp through the woods on exploring trips to his heart's content. Go with him if possible and encourage healthful exercise and observation as much as possible, but don't teach him, nor allow him to acquire, unlawful and inhuman tricks. Upon nearly every one of furred or feathered things seen during June and July depends a family of helpless lives, which may be doomed to the miseries of slow starvation by one thoughtless shot.

The boy with the firearm sees a bird and says, "Watch me plug him," and if the aim prove true the boy thinks he has done something clever, and most likely his fond father tells him that he has so done. In reality he has broken a law and probably sounded the doom of half a dozen writhing deadlings hidden in a nest near by. Men will cheerfully give up a handful of dollars for the privilege of drinking in the wondrous melody from the trained throat of a Patti and go into raptures over the sweetness and the elevating influence of perfect music, yet the same men will blithely murder a poor little feathered Patti and still forever live and song such as no Patti ever inspired to—in fine, destroy what the concentrated brains and skill of the world cannot replace.

And for what purpose? Simply to gratify a taste for the shambles, or to show off—to prove that an eye can glance along a bit of iron or steel truly enough to insure the planting of a nugget of lead within the body of a poor, unsuspecting creature's body—to kill a beautiful, happy bird.—Outing.

The English Admiral and the Day.

The Moors hold by their beads when they swear in order to give weight to their oath, which after this formality they rarely violate. The length of beard seems to weigh with them more than the stock of brains.

Admiral Keppel was sent to Algiers to demand satisfaction for the injuries done to his Britannic majesty's subjects by their corsairs. The day, enraged at the boldness of the ambassador, exclaimed "that he wondered at the insolence of the English monarch in sending him a message by a foolish, beardless boy."

The admiral, somewhat nettled, replied that if his master had supposed wisdom was to be measured by the length of the beard he would doubtless have sent the day a he goat.

This answer so enraged the day that he ordered his mutes to attend with the bowstrings, saying that the admiral should pay for his boldness with his life. Nothing daunted by this threat, the ambassador took the day to the window, and showing him the English flag said if it was his pleasure to put him to death there were Englishmen enough in that fleet to make him a glorious funeral pile.

The day, who wore a long beard, took the hint from the man who had none.—Youth's Companion.

Forgetting One's Children.

"I left my children standing there, exactly there!" It was in one of the stores in Temple place, and the mother who had lost her two little girls pointed with absolute decision to the place where she was certain she had told them to wait for her while she went to another counter to look at a bargain. A small commotion of inquiry and search at once buzzed through the store. Presently one of the head men stepped to the door and looked up and down the street to see if the lost children had strayed out of doors.

In front of another store a few doors up the street a small crowd was collecting about two little girls who were asking piteously for their mother. They were still standing in the doorway of the store exactly where she had left them when she went away down to the other to look up a bargain. And when she was brought unto her own she "remembered that she had forgotten" where it was she had left them, and added, "I declare, I don't see how I came to do such a thing!"—Boston Transcript.

Wishing by Electricity.

The success which attended the use of the electric light in fishing off the California coast has led to the devising of various improved apparatus for that purpose. One of these consists of a large iron frame interlaced with netting, which can be opened and closed at the will of the operator. An electric light incased in a lantern is lowered into the net, the electricity being furnished by a motor in the bow of the boat. As the boat moves along the network is thrown open, and the bright light of the lamp, which is seen at a great distance in the clear water, arouses the curiosity of the fish, which readily swim into the trap. This is the modern variant of the old method of destroying fish from a canoe by torch-light.—Exchange.

Eulalie Takes to Johnny Cake.

Among the tastes which the Princess Eulalie has acquired since her arrival in America is a strong one for corn bread. This is what Colonel J. C. Murphy, the corn man of the department of agriculture says:

Some days ago in Washington, when looking over the bill of fare of the dinner given the infantia I noticed that corn bread was not mentioned. I asked the proprietor of the Arlington the reason for this, and he said sweet corn was not in season and there was no need to have corn bread on the bill of fare because the princess insisted on it being served at every meal. When the infantia first got to the hotel in Washington all kinds of bread were placed on the table, and the royal guests picked out some corn muffins as the most toothsome of the lot. She is fond of having them toasted, too, which is rather unusual with us. The day of her arrival the princess in dining at the Palmer House asked right away for corn muffins.—Chicago Times.

Legendsman That Failed to Work.

The bright young man—who isn't so very young either—was fortunate enough to secure a seat right in the midst of Deacon Huggum's young ladies' Bible class and by their arch manners was so far decoyed from his usual staid indifference as to try and make himself agreeable.

The speaker of the evening pleaded most earnestly the cause of sweet charity and made the last remaining quarter and nickel burn in the scribe's pocket.

When the deadly contribution box began its gyrations in his aisle, the newspaper representative began to chuckle under the mellowing influence of a happy thought. He would execute a neat little piece of legendsman with that quarter and 5 cent piece, and while properly impressing his fair neighbors with the larger coin would really drop in the smaller.

He held the quarter daintily between his thumb and finger and pressed the 5-cent piece between his third finger and his palm. There was a click of a coin in the bottom of the box, a rather unusual twist of a large cuff and a bland smile on the reporter's face.

A second later the young man started as if he had been shot and turned excitedly toward the deacon, who was now two seats behind him.

He had dropped in the quarter!

The deacon mistook the gesture as a sign that the young man had been over-looked, and again he thrust the box under the reporter's nose.

What did he do? Just what you would. He put in the nickel. And walked home.—Boston Herald.

Curiosities of Glycerin.

One of the great advantages of glycerin in its chemical employment is the fact that it neither freezes nor evaporates under any ordinary temperature. No perceptible loss by evaporation has been detected at a temperature less than 200 degrees F., but if heated intensely it decomposes with a smell that few persons find themselves able to endure. It burns with a pale flame, similar to that from alcohol, if heated to about 300 degrees and then ignited. Its conservative qualities make the compound of much use as a vehicle for holding pigments and colors, as in stamping and typewriter ribbons, carbon papers and the like.

If the pure glycerine be exposed for a long time to a freezing temperature, it crystallizes with the appearance of sugar candy, but these crystals being once melted it is almost an impossibility to get them again into the congealed state. If a little water be added to the glycerin, no crystallization will take place, though under a sufficient degree of cold the water will separate and form crystals, amid which the glycerin will remain in its natural state of fluidity. If suddenly subjected to intense cold, pure glycerin will form a gunny mass which cannot be entirely hardened or crystallized. Altogether it is quite a peculiar substance.—Good Housekeeping.

Forewarned of Her Child's Death.

A few months after my father's death the infant son, who had been pining himself ill for "papa," was lying one night in his mother's arms. On the next morning she said to her sister, "Alf is going to die." The child had no definite disease, but was wasting away, and it was argued to her that the returning spring would restore the health lost during the winter. "No," was her answer. "He was lying asleep in my arms last night, and William (her husband) came to me and said that he wanted Alf with him, but that I might keep the other two." In vain she was assured that she had been dreaming; that it was quite natural that she should dream about her husband, and that her anxiety for the child had given the dream its shape. Nothing would persuade her that she had not seen her husband or that the information he had given her was untrue. So it was no matter of surprise to her when in the following March her arms were empty and a waxen form lay lifeless in the baby's cot.—Mrs. Annie Beasant.

Tragedy of Literary Disappointment.

An English periodical says disappointment in authorship over there sometimes has tragic results. Recently a gentleman committed suicide because he had had an article rejected, and a confidant's assistant shot himself because, though he had written several books, they were all rejected. The article goes on sagely: "Yet he went on writing to the last, unable to see that he was producing what was not wanted. Nowadays there is a market for what is good in any class of literature, and the writer who cannot secure a publisher may rest assured either that he is not ready for a public appearance, or that he has been denied the gifts with which he fancies himself to be endowed."

The Dwarf Palm of Algeria.

The dwarf palm, which furnishes considerable quantities of fiber, grows in great profusion in Algeria and is one of the principal obstacles to the clearing of the land, so thickly does it grow and so difficult to pull up. Its roots, in shape resembling carrots, penetrate into the ground to the depth of a yard or more, and when its stem only is cut it sprouts out again almost immediately. As its name indicates, this palm is very small, and can only attain a certain height when protected, as in the Arab cemeteries, for example.—Monde Economique.

Saved by a Nickel.

At Longview, Tex., while Jim Vines was fooling with a revolver it went off, and all that saved his life was a nickel which he had in a pants pocket. The ball struck the coin and glanced down his leg, making a long blue streak.

Old Polo.

In "The Arabian Nights" we read of a wise sage who cured a great king by a decoction with which he anointed the handle of a stick with which the king was in the habit of playing a game at ball, to the end that when the royal hand perspired in the vigor of the play the open pores might receive the medication.

The translator speaks of this stick as a "golftick" (sic), but it is plain from the context that the game was played on horseback. It was, in fact, polo. Indeed the illustrations of the very same edition show the said king playing the game on horseback.—Blackwood's Magazine.

He Won't Be Expelled.

Mouldy Mike—By all th' saints, has yer lost yer mind? Wot yer carryin that saw for?

Ragged Robert—It's all right. I stop at houses an offer to saw wood fer me dinner.

"You'll be expelled from the Travelin Gentlemen's union."

"No, I won't. After dinner I tell 'em I can't work till I file me saw. They lend me a file an tell me to go way off where they won't hear me file. Most any saloon will give a drink for a good file."—New York Weekly.

Romance of a Substitute.

A romantic affair has occurred in the Turkish army. A short time ago the discovery was made quite accidentally in Pristina that a young girl named Hanka had been serving 34 years under her brother's name, Alt Redschab, in the Fifteenth regiment there, and had distinguished herself by specially good conduct. The sultan was informed of the unheard of case of a woman housing with men for years unweilded. When he learned that the young girl had taken this daring step in order to free her brother, who was the only support of his mother, from military service, he bestowed the Chekakat order of the third class upon her and has given her a pension of 5 Turkish pounds a month. She was of course sent home at once, and her brother remained free from serving.—London Tit-Bits.

Decorations at Dinners.

Such strides have been made in confectionery of late that at any special dinner the cakes and bonbons, which help to garnish the table in their little silver dishes, are made of any tint desired and generally either match or are in accord with the floral decorations. The arrangement of the latter is still kept low, and the flowers should not be overcrowded in their silver receptacles. Except in the centerpiece, all flowers look better in groups of two or three, and quality rather than quantity is a rule particularly applicable to the floral decorations of a table.—Exchange.

Decorations at a Chicago Reception.

At a recent reception given to Mme. Modjeska in Chicago the hostess wore an old rose brocade with rare old lace on sleeves and bodice. The distinguished actress wore a pale green silk, rich with velvet and persian embroidery of the same color. The souvenirs were streamers of ribbon stretched from the chandeliers to the tables on which was the name of Modjeska in gilt letters.

Accommodating.

He was evidently a very obliging boy, for when he applied to the merchant for a position and was asked his age he replied: "Oh, sir, I shall be whatever age you wish me to be!"—Harper's Bazar.



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